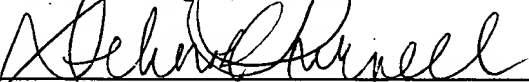


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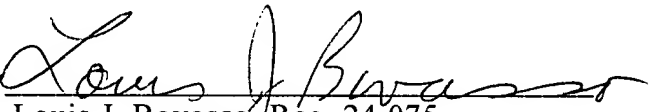
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REMARKS

Since claims 19 to 21 are in this application, claim 19 submitted on July 30, 2001, should have been numbered as claim 22. A corrected copy is enclosed.

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